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Dear Wimbledon Village businesses

We are approaching the close of another difficult year for many Village businesses and, whilst we have been sorry to see some friends close their doors, we want to welcome new businesses who have recently joined us.

The Wimbledon Village Business Association has been busy again this year, raising money, improving local facilities and supporting Village traders.

We hope you don't mind us taking this opportunity of reminding you what we've been up to on your behalf, as we are proud to have paid for, organised or supported the following projects during the last 12 months:

- The Christmas shopping day brought hundreds of visitors into the shops.
- We designed and produced an environmentally friendly bag, advertising www.wimbledon-village.com ready for distribution to local residents.
- We are up-dating our web-site, ensuring it remains a useful marketing tool.
- We supported the first WV Easter egg hunt. Well done Senti.
- Parties – Spring, Summer and Christmas – you've just got to be there!
- School art exhibition in shop windows
- Advertising in Time & Leisure - free for our business members
- Lobbying the Council for better customer parking
- Meetings with the Merton Chamber re: exciting developments for the 2012 Olympics.
- Painted and re-planted all the boxes in the Village, as well as organising the beautiful summer hanging baskets.
- We had the pleasure of giving all the proceeds of our raffle draws to local charities.
- Arranged new Christmas lighting – wait and see!!

Wimbledon Village continues to be a vibrant commercial centre, where businesses can thrive in a very pleasant setting. But we mustn't take this for granted, and although we are only volunteers, we will keep working hard to enhance the local environment for our businesses, residents and visitors.

We always welcome new members, and the cost of joining is only £120 per year. This includes two fantastic parties which are free of charge to members. We hold the Summer Party just before the world famous Wimbledon tennis championships, and of course our glamorous Christmas Party which is early in December. Both of these are fantastic networking opportunities, and we understand how difficult it can be sometimes, starting a new venture on your own, or simply opening a new branch in a brand new community. So why not join up, and come and meet your neighbours; we would love to meet you!

If you are interested in getting to know more about membership and how to join, then please contact: wendy@gtbusinessservices.co.uk

Yours Sincerely

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